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INVOLVEMENT OF FOREIGNERS IN ACTS OF TERRORISM IN J K
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has found evidence of involvement of foreign nationals in terrorist activities in the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) the number of terrorists including foreign nationals active in the State of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) The State of Jammu and Kashmir is facing cross border terrorism for the last two decades. In this regard, the apprehended militants had disclosed the foreign nationalities of fellow militants. Apart from this the foreign nationality of militants is confirmed by the possession of identity cards marking on shoes, clothes, cigarettes and other items on killed militants.

(c): Available reports indicate that there are an estimated 1200 terrorists including foreign terrorists who are active in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

(d): The Central Government in tandem with the State Government has adopted a multi-round approach to contain cross- border terrorism/infiltration in Jammu and Kashmir.This includes strengthening of border management and multi-tiered & multi-modal establishment along the border/ Line of Control, construction of border fencing, continuous upgradation of the State Police and central forces through improved weaponry, surveillance and communication equipments, use of technology, sharing of intelligence and operational cooperation between the various agencies involved in counter terrorism operations in the State. The situation is being closely and periodically reviewed both at the level of the Central Government and the State Government through the Unified Headquarters set up under the Chairmanship of the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir.